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## SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION affirming support for increasing Taiwan's international space and participation in and contribution to the global community.

*Whereas, The Republic of China (Taiwan) has achieved economic and social stability and, in the last two decades, has been lauded as a beacon of democracy for Asia and has dramatically improved its record on human rights and has taken great steps forward to enter the world arena as a trusted partner;*

*Whereas, Indiana has a strong cultural and economic relationship with Taiwan since establishing sister-state relations with Taiwan on November 6, 1979;*

*Whereas, Taiwan's absence from international organizations dealing with climate change has impeded Taiwan's ability to respond to natural disasters like Typhoon Morakot, which struck Taiwan in the summer of 2009, an unusually bad typhoon season in the Pacific region;*

*Whereas, The Taiwan government is grateful for the assistance and condolences of the international community in the wake of Typhoon Morakot as dozens of international organizations and nations stepped up to help, including the United States, which supplied military equipment for rescue and recovery operations, the European Union, Japan, and the Chinese mainland;*



*Whereas, Since 2001, aviation safety has become a major global concern;*

*Whereas, Taiwan is a key air transport hub in the Asia-Pacific region, with over 1.35 million flights passing through the Taipei Flight Information Region, and has the world's 15th largest airport by cargo volume, Taoyuan International Airport; and*

*Whereas, The Taiwan government has undertaken a policy of "flexible diplomacy" in its international relations and a pragmatic approach to China, having completed a number of cross-strait liberalization measures, including regular, direct passenger flights between mainland China and Taiwan and other goodwill measures resulting in reciprocal gestures and rapprochement between Taipei and Beijing; Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana Senate affirms its support for the
- 2 participation of Taiwan in the United Nations Framework Convention
- 3 on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the International Civil Aviation
- 4 Organization (ICAO) to increase Taiwan's contribution to the global
- 5 community.
- 6           SECTION 2. That the copies of this resolution be transmitted by
- 7 the Secretary of the Senate to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton,
- 8 Executive Secretary Yvonne Boer of the UNFCCC, Secretary General
- 9 Raymond Benjamin of the ICAO, and the Taipei Economic and
- 10 Cultural Office in Chicago, Illinois.

